International Leather Complex in Andhra Pradesh

732. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought sanction for setting up an International Leather Complex; and

(b) if so, the action taken to give a fillip to the leather industry to provide employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up an International Leather Complex in the State has been received. The scheme for setting up a Leather Complex at an appropriate location is part of a proposal for integrated development of leather sector having an outlay of Rs. 400 crore in the Tenth Five Year Plan and comprising several schemes/initiatives. These schemes/initiatives are aimed at improving global competitiveness of the Indian leather industry, thereby catalyzing employment in the sector.

DGFT directive to exporters and importer

†733. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from now onwards it would be mandatory for exporters and importers to submit the details of their business to the DGFT on annual basis; and

(b) if so, the objective of the DGFT behind issuing such a directive as the small traders would be put to difficulty as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Each Importer-Exporter Code number (IEC) holder shall be required to furnish details of imports/exports made by him in the preceding licensing years by 31st October, 2003.

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